



**March 2006**

## **Local Partnership Initiatives Update**

- **\$40 million to encourage localities to manage and administer upcoming construction projects (Local Partnership Fund)**
  - 10 applications were received for participation
  - City of Hampton, City of Portsmouth, City of Roanoke, City of Richmond, Town of Blacksburg, Town of Farmville, Giles County, Henrico County and Loudoun County applications have been approved
  - Town of Tazewell withdrew its application
  - Prince William County receives funds off the top for the expansion of a commuter parking lot. The parking lot expansion has an estimated cost of \$5.8 million
  - Requests to date total approximately \$31 million
- **\$100 million local revenue sharing program (up from \$30 million)**
  - Applications were received from 98 localities
  - Requests exceeded \$67 million (\$134 million including local share)
  - The CTB awarded allocations for FY06 in September 2005
  - 265 projects will be funded through the revenue sharing program, 151 will be locally administered
- **Develop procedures related to future selection of revenue sharing grant recipients**
  - A process has been drafted to evaluate future applications
- **Establish a Local Partnership Team by Fall 2005**
  - The Local Partnership Team is an independent team that will provide technical assistance from a statewide perspective to local government staff overseeing locally administered projects
  - Team goals and evaluation plan have been established.
  - Pilot Project Delivery Workshops scheduled for April in Salem and Northern Virginia.
- **Access Road Qualifying Industry Definition and Program Revisions**
  - Survey of residencies, local governments and various economic development agencies was completed in June
  - Stakeholder group was created to review survey comments and offer suggestions
  - Proposed legislative changes have been completed and submitted to the Governor and General Assembly members
  - Updates to guidelines and policy will follow legislative changes
- **Legislative recommendations for the process for counties to assume responsibility for their secondary road programs**
  - Stakeholder group comprised of representatives of counties and VDOT staff was established
  - Legislative changes have been drafted in a Report to the General Assembly
  - Report sent to the Governor and House and Senate Transportation Committee members
- **Two percent urban matching fund requirement waived**
  - Any city or town that assumes responsibility for its construction program shall not be required to provide a 2% match for projects initiated after July 1, 2005
  - Program guidelines have been updated accordingly

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